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In re Application of:	:	KATSIR, D. ET AL.
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For	:	METHOD FOR PRODUCING HIGH SURFACE AREA FOIL ELECTRODES
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly add the following paragraph at page 1, line 1:

--This application is a continuation of Serial No. 09/334,664, filed March 3, 1998.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 1-28

Kindly amend 29 and 34 to read as follows:

29. (Amended) A non-anodized article of manufacture having a fractal surficial structure which includes both valve metal and an oxide thereof, the valve metal being selected from the

group consisting of aluminum, titanium, tantalum, niobium, zirconium, silicon, thorium, cadmium and tungsten.

34. (Amended) An electrode comprising:
an electrically conductive substrate; and
a discontinuous non-anodized layer, of an oxide of a first valve metal, on a surface of said substrate.

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed to amend the claims to point out certain preferred embodiments of the invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marked up copy of claims which shows deleted subject matter in breackets and added subject matter underlined:

29. (Amended)A[n] non-anodized article of manufacture [comprising a valve metal] having a fractal[-like] surficial structure which includes both valve metal and an oxide thereof, the valve metal being selected from the group consisting of aluminum, titanium, tantalum, niobium, zirconium, silicon, thorium, cadmium and tungsten.

34. (Amended) An electrode comprising:
[(a)] an electrically conductive substrate; and
[(b)] a discontinuous non-anodized layer, of an oxide of a first valve metal, on a surface of said substrate.